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TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Technology Resource Centres set up under his Ministry, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up such centres in Kerala; (

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) to (d): The Council for Advancement of People`s Action and Rural Technology(CAPART), which is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Rural Development has set up Technology Resource Centres (TRCs) in the country under its scheme `Advancement of Rural Technologies (ARTS)`. Under this scheme CAPART provides one time grant for creation of infrastructure and also some recurring expenses to Voluntary Organisations (VOs) which have a high degree of technical competence and a proven track record of adaptive R&D and technology transfers. The basic criteria for eligibility to apply for Technology Resource Centres (TRCs) are as follows:

- Demonstrable achievements in design development and dissemination of innovative technologies for at least 5 years.

- Evidence of linkages and interaction with National and State level S&T institutions in technology adoption, adaptation and exchange activities.

- Good track record of adaptive R&D and transfer of technologies in rural areas.

- Adequate infrastructure, such as training facilities, workshops, laboratories, tools and equipment etc.

- Professional capabilities to disseminate technologies through presentation, demonstration and training.

- Policy of openness with to interact with other voluntary agencies in the area and willingness to spontaneously respond to their needs.

The list of TRCs set up so farare given in the Annexure. CAPART has already set up a Technology Resource Centre in Kerala State at Mitraniketan, District-Vellanad, Kerala asindicated at Sl No. 6 inthe Annexure. Any application received from Voluntary Organisations for the status of Technology Resource Centre (TRC) is examined by CAPART in accordance with the guidelines of the scheme.